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GENEVA FOR USDEL CSCE

1. AT OCTOBER 15 POLADS, FRG REP READ AFP ITEM FROM BUDAPEST
DATED SEPTEMBER 30 (INFORMAL MISSION TRANSLATION FOLLOWS):

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BEGIN TEXT

THE HUNGARIAN PRESS AGENCY MTI OFFICIALLY CONFIRMED MONDAY IN A BRIEF COMMUNIQUE THAT TROOPS FROM THE SOUTHERN GROUP OF ARMED FORCES OF THE USSR "TEMPORARILY STATIONED IN HUNGARY" WILL BE ENGAGED, ALONG SIDE OF HUNGARIAN TROOPS, IN MILITARY MANEUVERS ON HUNGARIAN TERRITORY. THESE MANEUVERS, THE COMMUNIQUE ADDS, HAVE ALREADY BEGUN.

IN A COMMUNIQUE ISSUED 10 DAYS AGO, THE HUNGARIAN PRESS AGENCY HAD ANNOUNCED THE IMMINENCE OF THE START OF THESE EXERCISES IN THE REGION OF VESZPREM, SOME 100 KMS FROM THE HUNGARIAN-YUGOSLAV FRONTIER WITHOUT HOWEVER MENTIONING AN EVENTUAL SOVIET ROLE.

END TEXT.

2. FRG REP NOTED THAT HUNGARIAN COMMUNIQUE WAS FIRST PRIOR ANNOUNCEMENT IN LAST FIVE YEARS OF A MILITARY MANEUVER BY WARSAW PACT FORCES. HE ADDED THAT FRG AUTHORITIES THOUGHT THERE MIGHT POSSIBLY BE SIGNIFICANCE IN WHAT AMOUNTED TO A PRIOR NOTIFICATION OF A MILITARY MANEUVER ALONG LINES OF CRITERIA PROPOSED BY THE SOVIETS AT GENEVA IN CBMS DISCUSSIONS, I.E., 10 DAYS PRIOR NOTIFICATION AND A BAND OF 100 KMS. ACCORDING TO FRG AUTHORITIES, WARSAW PACT MAY BE TRYING TO ESTABLISH A PRECEDENT BY THIS ANNOUNCEMENT.

3. COMMENT: IT WOULD BE USEFUL IF BUDAPEST AND/OR DEPARTMENT COULD PROVIDE TEXT OF THE TWO HUNGARIAN PRESS AGENCY ITEMS REFERRED TO IN AFP DISPATCH.
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